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FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 16th October, 2023

No. 21763—FE-WL-WLF-0037/2017/FE&CC. — In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 64 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972), the State Government do hereby make the following rules further to amend the Wildlife (Protection) (Odisha) Rules, 1974, namely: —

1. (1) These rules may be called the Wildlife (Protection) (Odisha) Second Amendment Rules, 2023.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

2. In the Wildlife (Protection) (Odisha) Rules, 1974 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in rule 2, clause (g-1) shall be re-numbered as clause (g-2) and before clause (g-2) as so re-numbered, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(g-1) ‘Next of Kin’ means the following category of family members of the deceased person, namely:—

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| | 1. Wife |
| | 2. Son (including step son or legally adopted son)
or Unmarried Daughter (including step daughter
or legally adopted daughter) or Married
daughter |
| 1. Male | Married |
| | 3. Father or mother |
| | 4. Widowed Daughter-in-Law |
| | 5. Dependent brother or sister |
| | 6. Grandsons or Granddaughters (children of
deceased son) |

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| | | 1. Mother or Father or Step father or Step Mother |
| | | 2. Legally adopted son or daughter |
| | | 3. Dependent brother or sister |
| | | 4. Dependent Widowed Sister or Dependent Divorced sister |
| 2. | Male Unmarried | 5. Dependent unmarried sister |
| | | 6. Legal guardian in case of Minor |
| | | 7. Dependent Grandfather or Grandmother (father or mother of deceased's father) |
| | | 1. Husband |
| | | 2. Son (including step son or legally adopted son) or Unmarried Daughter (including step daughter or legally adopted daughter) or Married daughter |
| 3. | Female Married | 3. Father-in-Law or Mother-in-Law |
| | | 4. Widowed Daughter-in-Law |
| | | 5. Grandsons or Granddaughters of married son |
| | | 1. Mother or Father or Step Father or Step Mother |
| | | 2. Legally adopted son or daughter |
| 4. | Female Unmarried | 3. Dependent Unmarried brother or sister |
| | | 4. Dependent Grandfather or Grand Mother (father or mother of deceased's father) |

Explanation: Each aforesaid category of Next of Kin in subsequent order will be considered only in case of death of the preceding category”

3. In rule 45-JJ of the said rules, the words “legal heir”, wherever they occur, the words “Next of Kin” shall be substituted.

By Order of the Governor
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Additional Chief Secretary to Government